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SETTING UP OF TELEPHONE BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up telephone booths at Public Distribution Shops (ration shops);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of booths likely to be set up, State-wise, Category-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, there is no specific proposal from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to establish telephone booths at Public Distribution Shops (ration shops). However, the Public Call Offices (PCOs) are allotted to all applicants who are 18 years of age or above without any restrictions of educational qualifications, employment etc. subject to technical feasibility.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.